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Excise Officers Arrest Greenfield Restaurant Owners on Felony Charges

Greenfield, Ind. (March 10th) – Indiana State Excise Police Officers, working in cooperation with the Greenfield Police Department and the Hancock County Prosecutors Office, served arrest warrants on two Greenfield restaurant owners earlier today.

Yee Yi Zhao, 51, and Ying Chen Zhao, 42, owners of the Bamboo Garden Buffet located at 2160 North State Street, were each jailed on the preliminary charge of Maintaining a Common Nuisance a Class D Felony.

Officers began an investigation of the Bamboo Garden in late February when it was discovered that the premise was selling alcoholic beverages without a permit. The premise had previously held an alcoholic beverage permit up until it expired in August of 2012. The permit was never renewed and the status of the permit was ruled inactive by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.